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Orders from Soviet Units

1. VEB Leuchtenbau Berlin received a government order of two battery chargers, 24 V, 12 A, in September 1958 from VEB Zentrales Sonderbaubüro, Abteilung Zentrales Bereitstellungskontor, Potsdam, Rehbrücke, Strasse der Freiheit (near the railroad station), telephone Potsdam 4461, teleprinter 755. One of each was to be sent to:
 - a. [redacted] "Sonderbedarf II," address: VEB ZSBB Potsdam, branch of VEB Sonderbaubüro, Fuerstenberg/Havel, station: Fuerstenberg/Havel. 25X1
 - b. [redacted] "Sonderbedarf II," address: VEB ZSBB Potsdam, VEB Sonderbaubüro Eberswalde, Eisenbahn-Str. 37, station: Eberswalde main railroad station. 25X1
2. VEB Leuchtenbau Berlin received government order [redacted] for ten runway installations without wooden masts [redacted] on 27 October 1958. Copper cable and aluminum overhead lines were previously delivered to these field post units on returnable drums. Not all of the returnable drums delivered in 1957 were sent back. After consultation with the State Planning Commission it was decided that the 40 kilometers of copper cable NSH 4 x 6 qmm and 120 kilometers of aluminum overhead lines 25 qmm ordered [redacted] item 4 and 5 would be delivered directly from the cable works to the field post unit without the drums. 25X1

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3. VEB Leuchtenbau Berlin delivered ninety 9-meter long wooden masts to [redacted] Werder/Havel around October 1958. but the bill for this order was sent to [redacted] Zossen.

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4. VEB Leuchtenbau Berlin ordered a 1-kw. movie projector from VEB Kinotechnik Dresden A 2, Oskar-Str. 6, for the Soviet officers' building in Grossenhain/Sachsen in the middle of December 1958.

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Orders from NVA

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[redacted] military airfields in East Germany were not equipped with night lighting and as a result, training flights at night had to be carried out with flashlights as during the war of 1914/18. This was the reason for the urgent need for airfield lighting installations which were vital for pilot training in night flying. Two officers of the East German Air Force, Lt. Col. Daberkow, and Senior Lieutenant Henschel, Cottbus, negotiated with VEB Leuchtenbau Berlin concerning two night flying installations which were to be delivered to Cottbus. The plant was unable to deliver the lighting installations to the airfields within the date stipulated. Delivery of some of the parts would not be possible until the end of December 1958 if VEB Schiffsarmaturen und Leuchtenbau Finow delivered plug-and-socket connections enclosed in cast iron for these units.

7. VEB Schiffsarmaturen und Leuchtenbau Finow has received from the Ministry of National Defense funds for development of various items, including plugs and sockets for airfield lighting installations. Since the plant was busy with export orders, the plugs were exported during 1958 to all countries belonging to the Warsaw Pact, so that the East German Army was able to get the plugs only with difficulty although it had paid the development cost.
8. VEB Leuchtenbau Berlin delivered searchlights to Ministerium fuer Staatssicherheit (the Ministry of State Security), DZVO Store 1, Berlin-Johannisthal, Flugplatz am Teich, until 15 December 1958.

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Export and Domestic Orders

9. VEB Leuchtenbau Berlin took over the following orders of moisture-resistant "Bergbau-Schirmleuchten" from VEB Otto-Buchwitz-Werk, Bergbau/Elektrotechnik, Dresden. a) Type L 51401, 200 W, and b) Type E 27, 250 V. These are lights of cast aluminum painted gray on the outside, with a ground terminal screw and with a reflector of steel plates.

Recipient	Amount	Delivery Date
Coal object Spreetal	24	1 April 1959
Coal object Muecheln)		
Coal object Golpa)	10	30 June 1959
USSR export	6	30 June 1959
USSR export	2	31 December 1959
Coal object Welzow)		15 August 1959
Coal object Burghammer)	42	15 July 1959
Coal object Meuro)		15 September 1959
Coal object Goertzsche)**	168	15 February 1960
Coal object Burghammer)		15 May 1960
Poland export		15 July 1960
Coal object Trattendorf	6	15 May 1959
Coal object Spreetal	24	15 February 1960
Czechoslovakia export)		31 January 1960
Czechoslovakia export)		1 March 1960
Poland export)	52	30 April 1960
Poland export)		1 June 1960

Supply of Materials

10. VEB Leuchtenbau Berlin received approximately forty tons of steel plates of the best quality, 0.75 mm thick on 22 December 1958. 25X1

Plans

11. VEB Leuchtenbau Berlin received the third Five-Year Plan in December 1958. According to this, production which amounted to 7 million DME in 1957 and about 10.5 million DME in 1958 will increase to 35 million DME annually by 1965. On the other hand, the labor force which consisted of approximately 400 men in 1958 is to be increased very little during this period.

* Mining shielded lamps

** Possibly Goitzsche in Bitterfeld

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